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LUCKY DRAGON

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AMMUNITION DEPOT
XOM BANG, NORTH VIETNAM
1707N 10645E

1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT ON 2 MARCH 1965 USAF PLANES ATTACKED XOM BANG AMMUNITION DEPOT WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 13 NM WEST OF CHAP LE AND 18 NM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DONG HOI. THE DEPOT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE HAD A CAPACITY OF 5,000 METRIC TONS -- ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S STORED AMMUNITION. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING THE 325TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND THE 270TH INDEPENDENT INFANTRY REGIMENT, THE DEPOT SERVICES VIET CONG ELEMENTS, AND POSSIBLY COMMUNIST FORCES IN LAOS.

2. LUCKY DRAGON REVEALS AN AMMUNITION DEPOT 0.5 NM NORTH OF XOM BANG. THE INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF TWO STORAGE AREAS AND A SUPPORT AREA WHICH CONTAIN A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN BARRACKS, THREE ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, ONE STORAGE BUILDING, EIGHT REVETTED STORAGE BUILDINGS, FOUR SMALL DRIVE-THROUGH BUNKERS, FOUR MESSHALLS, AND AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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3. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF

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REVEALED THE DEPOT TO CONTAIN TEN BARRACKS,

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ONE PARTIALLY DISMANTLED BARRACKS, TWO ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS,

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ONE STORAGE BUILDING, EIGHT REVETTED STORAGE BUILDINGS, FOUR SMALL DRIVE-THROUGH BUNKERS, TWO MESSHALLS, AND SEVENTEEN SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS. NUMEROUS AW POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. SEVEN BARRACKS, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TWO MESSHALLS, AND APPROXIMATELY EIGHT SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS OBSERVED ON LUCKY DRAGON [redacted] HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED. 25X1

4. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: 25X1

BUILDINGS	DAMAGE OF 2 MARCH	UNDAMAGED
10 BARRACKS	8 DESTROYED 1 HEAVILY DAMAGED	1
1 PARTIALLY DISMANTLED BARRACKS	1 DESTROYED	
2 ADMINISTRATION	2 DESTROYED	
1 STORAGE	1 DESTROYED	
8 REVETTED STORAGE	5 DESTROYED 3 HEAVILY DAMAGED	
4 SMALL DRIVE-THROUGH BUNKERS		4
2 MESSHALLS	2 DESTROYED	
17 SMALL SUPPORT	11 DESTROYED	6

NUMEROUS 55-GALLON DRUMS ARE OBSERVED SCATTERED NEAR THE DESTROYED STORAGE BUILDING IN THE SUPPORT AREA AND NUMEROUS TIRES CAN BE SEEN AROUND ONE OF THE DESTROYED REVETTED STORAGE

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BUILDINGS. APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY BOMB AND ROCKET CRATERS ARE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

5. THE AREA HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN COVERED BY NUMEROUS [redacted] LUCKY DRAGON, AND TROJAN HORSE MISSIONS.

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PRELIMINARY BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ON JCS TARGET NO. 64

Target: Xom Bang Ammunition Depot

[redacted] 25X1

Location: 17-06-42N/106-45-09E (UTM 48Q 860930)

Date of Strike: 0834Z, 2 March 1965

Strike Data: Struck by units of the 2nd Air Division, 13th Air Force on [redacted] 25X1

Results: Based on analysis of strike photo field prints: 36 (74%) of 49 major buildings destroyed including 6 (75%) of ammo bunkers. 3 (6%) major buildings including 2 (25%) ammo bunkers damaged. Casualties undetermined.

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PRELIMINARY BDA

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FIELD PRINT FROM PACAF

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